On page 1, line 25, delete "_/_/_" and insert therefor --08/218,024--.

On page 1, line 29, delete "_/_,_" and insert therefor --08/217,476--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-14 as follows:

1. (Amended) A RESOURCE management system, comprising:

(a) multiple SERVERs, [each serving one or more PCs] the SERVERs being grouped into LOCAL SERVERs and REGIONAL SERVERs, each of the LOCAL SERVERs comprising means for storing RESOURCEs therein, and each of the REGIONAL SERVERs comprising means for storing PROFILEs of RESOURCEs associated with one or more of the LOCAL SERVERs therein, wherein the LOCAL and REGIONAL SERVERs are linked together for electronically transferring PROFILEs and RESOURCEs therebetween; and

(b) one or more PCs coupled to one or more of the SERVERs, each of the PCs comprising: [means for allowing]

(i) [all PCs to] means for storing [e] PROFILEs of RESOURCEs into [a] one or more of the REGIONAL SERVERs; [and]

(ii) [all PCs to] means for searching all of the PROFILEs in all of the REGIONAL SERVERs; and

(iii) means for accessing a RESOURCE from any one of the LOCAL SERVERS based on the searched PROFILEs.

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2. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, [and] _wherein_
each of the PCs further compris_es_ [ing] :

(iv [c]) means for [allowing any PC to load]
storing a downloadable RESOURCE into its respective LOCAL
SERVER.

3. (Amended) A system according to claim 2, [and] _where_
each of the PCs further comprise_s_ [ing] :

[d)] _(v)_ means for [allowing all PCs to] download_ing_ any
of the RESOURCE_s_ contained in any _of the LOCAL_ SERVER_s into the_
_PC_.

4. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, [and] _wherein_
the REGIONAL SERVERs further comprise [ing] :

_(c)_ means for storing a PROFILE which contains information
about a user of a SERVER; and

_(d)_ means for restricting the user's access to RESOURCEs
[,] based on data contained in the user's PROFILE.

5. (Amended) A RESOURCE management system, comprising:

_(a)_ multiple LOCAL SERVERs, [each serving one or more PCs]
each of the LOCAL SERVERs comprising means for storing RESOURCEs
therein; and

(b) one or more REGIONAL SERVERs, each of the REGIONAL
SERVERs comprising means for storing PROFILEs of RESOURCEs
associated with one or more of the LOCAL SERVERs;

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(c) means for electronically linking the LOCAL and REGIONAL SERVERs together, so that PROFILEs and RESOURCEs can be transferred therebetween;

[b)] (d) one or more PCs coupled to one or more of the SERVERs, each of the PCs comprising: [means for allowing]

(i) [all PCs to] means for storing [e] PROFILEs of RESOURCEs into [a] one or more of the REGIONAL SERVERs; and

(ii) [all PCs to] means for searching all of the PROFILEs in all of the REGIONAL SERVERs.

6. (Amended) A RESOURCE management system, comprising:

(a) multiple SERVERs, the SERVERs being grouped into LOCAL SERVERs and REGIONAL SERVERs, each of the LOCAL SERVERs comprising means for storing RESOURCEs therein, and each of the REGIONAL SERVERs comprising means for storing PROFILEs of RESOURCEs associated with one or more of the LOCAL SERVERs therein, wherein the LOCAL and REGIONAL SERVERs are linked together for electronically transferring PROFILEs and RESOURCEs therebetween,

(i) each of the LOCAL SERVERs serving one or more PCs; and

(ii) each of the REGIONAL SERVERs storing a catalog of PROFILEs, which describe RESOURCES; and

(b) search means, performed by each of the PCs, for

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[allowing any PCs to] searching any of the PROFILEs contained

in any of the REGIONAL SERVERs and for accessing a RESOURCE from

any one of the LOCAL SERVERS based on the searched PROFILEs.

7. (Amended) A system according to claim 6 [in which]

wherein the search means [allows] comprises means for Boolean

key-word searching of the PROFILEs contained in any of the

REGIONAL SERVERs.

8. (Amended) A system according to claim 6 [in which]

wherein the search means [allows a user of a PC to] for

ordering a search of any of the PROFILEs to be [done] performed

at a future time.

9. (Amended) A method of managing RESOURCEs, comprising the

following steps:

(a) logically grouping a plurality of SERVERs into LOCAL

SERVERs and REGIONAL SERVERs;

[a)] (b) [maintaining] storing the RESOURCEs at

[multiple sites] one or more of the LOCAL SERVERs;

[b)] (c) [maintaining] storing PROFILEs for the

RESOURCEs at one or more of the REGIONAL SERVERs, each PROFILE

containing information relating to its RESOURCE; [and]

[c)] (d) allowing a user to search, from a single site,

all of the PROFILEs stored in the REGIONAL SERVERs; and

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(e) allowing the user to access, from the single site, a RESOURCE from any one of the LOCAL SERVERS based on the searched PROFILEs.

10. (Amended) A method according to claim 9, [in which] wherein

[d)] (1) some of the RESOURCEs take the form of downloadable computer data; and

[e)] (2) some of the RESOURCEs take the form of information which is not downloadable.

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 10, [in which] wherein [f)] some of the RESOURCEs take the form of physical objects.

12. (Amended) A method according to claim 9, [in which] wherein some of the RESOURCEs take the form of downloadable data, and the method further comprises [ing] the step of [d) means for] allowing a user to download selected downloadable RESOURCEs from one of the LOCAL SERVERs to the user's site.

13. (Amended) A method according to claim 9, [in which] wherein all of the PROFILEs are stored at a single [site] REGIONAL SERVER.